

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

A Golden Jubilee

THE changes which Mr Hugh Gaitskell has made in his "shadow cabinet" are not profoundly significant, but a tinge of added interest is given by reason of the fact they have been announced the same week as the Parliamentary Labour Party celebrates its golden jubilee.

In 1906 Socialist representation in the House of Commons did not even entitle it to the label of Opposition. Nevertheless, Kehr Hardie was able to lead 29 Labour MPs into the House and the Parliamentary Labour Party was born. The event also saw the beginning of the process of replacing the Liberal Party in the Commons by the Labour Party, which in turn, started the infusion of a strong element of Liberal ideas into the Conservative Party.

The fortunes of the Labour Party have varied greatly over half a century. In the first election of 1910 there were 40 MPs, in the second 42. With two and a quarter million votes at the end of World War I it had 67 seats. The 1922 election brought 142 Socialists MPs to the House and found the Labour Party for the first time the official Opposition in Parliament. The first Labour government was formed in 1924; it lasted a year. The Party first obtained a working majority in 1929, and two years later was virtually wiped out when only 46 MPs were returned. Four years later the Party's fortunes turned again and 152 Members won seats. In 1945 it swept the country and remained in power until 1951.

RADICAL reform, quite naturally, has been the main platform of the Party since its foundation, yet in times of national stress it has found itself capable of sinking political differences and working in harmony with other parties in the interests of the country. The Party's share in the wartime government represents one of the more notable phases in the history of British Socialism.

Socialists, with some justification, will point to the post-war years as the high mark of achievement during the Party's first half century of existence; indeed its present young adherents may well be wishing in 50 years' time to celebrate their achievements in the meantime.

Those achievements, or at least some of them, are still subject to political controversy, but their historic importance cannot be disputed—the bringing of basic industries for the first time into public ownership and the substantial realisation of the Welfare State, a great burst of reforming legislation which succeeding Conservative governments have not chosen, maybe not even wished to alter.

The Labour Party is now in a stage of re-examining its doctrines, but at this moment it feels justified in pausing to congratulate itself on its accomplishments.

Can The Future Be Foretold?

Well, can the future be foretold?

In tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail, Phyllis Digby Morton begins a new series which will give you an answer to this question.

This is only one highlight.

Watch out for others like these:

★ Marilyn Monroe is now the boss of Terence Rattigan and Sir Laurence Olivier—she has bought a Rattigan play and will co-star with Olivier in it; Les Amours thinks Miss Monroe is going to make a place for herself in history.

★ Another treason trial story: Hanged by a passport he did not need, by Nigel Gee.

★ Señor Delmer spends a week with King Saud of Saudi-Arabia and writes about "The King and I".

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportmen, cartoon comic strips, puzzles, Gile— and the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley—all in your Saturday China Mail.

HISTORIC COMMONS DECISION

House Calls For Abolition Of Death Penalty For Murder MPs SHOUT FOR JOY GOVT TO CONSIDER 'FREE VOTE' VERDICT

London, Feb. 16.

The House of Commons tonight voted to abolish the death penalty for murder.

The decision, by 293 votes to 262, was greeted with great shouts of joy by politicians who for years have campaigned to wipe out the gallows.

The House arrived at its verdict on a "free vote".

The motion, which the government had opposed, urged the House to abolish or suspend the death penalty because it "no longer accords with the needs of a civilised society."

Mr R. A. Butler, the Lord Privy Seal, said: "When we have a free vote we naturally expect to base our actions, if perhaps after deliberation, on the decision of the House."

EDEN'S ASSURANCE

After the vote had been taken, Mr James Chuter Ede, a former Labour Home Secretary, asked whether the Government would take steps to carry out the decision of the House.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, replied: "Mr Ede can be assured that the Government will give full weight at once to a decision taken by this House on a free vote. But I must add that we will, at the earliest opportunity, make a considered statement on the consequences which will flow from that."

The Prime Minister added it would be necessary for the Government to consider the statement for a day or two.

Amid cheers he said: "But it will be the wish of the Government that there shall be no undue delay."

When the voting figures were announced, Opposition members jumped to their feet and cheered, many waving agenda papers above their heads.

EXCITED CROWD

The news spread quickly to an excited crowd who had been queuing all evening in the cold outside Parliament.

The move for abolition took the form of an amendment to a Government motion which urged that the death penalty should be retained, but with the murder law modified.

At present, the death penalty applies to four crimes in Britain—murder, treason, piracy with violence and fire-raising in royal dockyards and arsenals.

So ended Britain's third debate on capital punishment in the Commons since the war. It climaxed almost a century of agitation for the abolition of capital punishment.

The various galleries were filled almost to capacity and the Chamber itself was so full that members were sitting in the aisles.

DETERRENT PLEA

The Commons voted in 1948 to abolish capital punishment but this was rejected by the House of Lords—and hanging was restored after a 55-day period during which convicted murderers were automatically reprieved.

A year ago a private member's bill calling for a five-year suspension of the death penalty was rejected in the Commons by 245 to 214 on a free vote.

For two hours today Mr Gwynn Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, appealed to the

LABOUR 'CONVERTS'

Among the speakers who favoured abolition of hanging were Mr James Chuter Ede and Mr Herbert Morrison, the former Labour Home Secretaries. Both said they had been converted since 1948.

Mr Ede recalled how his conscience had troubled him since he refused to reprieve Timothy John Evans, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter.

John Christopher, a miss-killer, who lived in the same house, later said he murdered Mrs Evans.

A Conservative, Mr Samuel Cunningham, admitted he once had a grave temptation to commit a murder and one of the factors which influenced against it was the death penalty.

Mr Lloyd George had earlier outlined the Government's proposals to modify the law of murder.

These were:

★ A person accused of murder should now be able to plead he was provoked by words used to him by the person he killed.

The last Royal (Independent) Commission on capital punishment was willing to change the law of "constructive malice" which he said was "unsatisfactory."

★ The Government accepted a recommendation by the Royal Commission on suicide ports that where a survivor of a pact had only aided or abetted his companion to commit suicide he should be guilty only of helping and not of murder.

The Government would closely study the Royal Commission's strong recommendation that England should follow the Scottish doctrine of "diminished responsibility"—the

International Monetary Fund.

NOW ONLY FRANCE AND SPAIN KEEP THE DEATH SENTENCE

London, Feb. 16. France and Spain are now the only two countries in Western continental Europe to retain capital punishment in practice for crimes in peace-time.

France: The death penalty still exists for murder in France, but most death sentences are commuted to life imprisonment. The method of execution is the guillotine.

Spain: In Spain, the death penalty is the punishment for first-degree murder. Execution is by the garrote, an instrument which kills the victim instantaneously.

Belgium: Death sentence automatically commuted to life imprisonment for more than 100 years.

Italy: Death penalty abolished more than 80 years ago. Restored by Mussolini for grave political crimes.

Newspaper—But No Newspaper

London, Feb. 16. The Times intends to use exclusively "a type of paper other than newspaper." Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, said in a written Parliamentary answer today.

Italy: Death penalty abolished in 1905.

Portugal: No death penalty in 1870.

Denmark: No one executed for civil crime since 1892. Capital punishment formally abolished in 1930.

Norway: Last civil execution was in 1870, and death penalty

abolished in 1905.

Portugal: No death penalty in 1870.

In practically every Western European country, however, there are special provisions to permit the reintroduction of the death penalty in war-time for serious crimes against the state.

China Mail Special.

which have been circulating in Fleet Street for many months.

No details of the type of paper, or when it was likely to be introduced, could be obtained from the newspaper tonight.

A newspaper production authority told Reuter later that The Times planned to use mechanical printing paper (heavier quality Magazine-type paper).

—Reuter.

War Office Calls For Report On Murray Barracks

London, Feb. 16. The War Office has called for a progress report on negotiations now going on in Hongkong concerning the transfer of Murray Barracks, the Murray Parade ground and the detention barracks to the local civil authorities.

A War Office spokesman said in London today there should be developments to report very shortly. —Our own correspondent.

PERU ARMY MEN REVOLT AGAINST GOVT

Lima, Feb. 16.

The Peruvian Army garrison in the Amazon port of Iquitos was reported officially today to have revolted against the government of President Manuel Odria.

There were unconfirmed reports that the revolt had spread to the garrisons at Trujillo and Piura and the Amazon River fleet based at Iquitos had joined the revolt, which is headed by Brig.-Gen. Marcial Merino Perera.

It said the garrison was "acting for the good of the country and for the good name and prestige of the Army."

Unrest In Paraguay

Montevideo reports say there were skirmishes and shootings in various cities of Paraguay, with at least five dead.

Travellers and refugees arriving at Montevideo said the government had forbidden Paraguayans to listen to an underground radio station called "Boqueron," which is winging a "war of nerves" and calling on the people to rally against General Alfredo Stroessner, the President and Commander-in-Chief of armed forces.

A rebel manifesto charged that the Odria government was trying to convert the Army into an "instrument of terror" and to impose upon the citizens an election that will permit continuation in power of the present political regime.

Rebels' Demand

The manifesto demanded the end of Odria's authoritarian regime and full guarantees for the Presidential election scheduled for June 3.

The strength of the Iquitos garrison is a military secret, due to the long-standing border dispute between Peru and Ecuador.

Government sources said the rebels numbered 800. Other sources estimated the garrison at between 1,500 and 3,000.

Reinforced military guards were posted at Paraguayan public buildings last month after a drastic purge of police and other officials known to sympathise with the deposed Argentine president Juan Peron and his Paraguayan friend, Senor Epifanio Mendez Fleitas.

Senor Mendez Fleitas led the December abortive coup, after he was dismissed from the Presidency of the Central Bank.

The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

The Iquitos rebel manifesto charged that the present government had made it impossible for Peruvians of opposed political tendencies to live together in their own country.

The strength of the Iquitos garrison is a military secret, due to the long-standing border dispute between Peru and Ecuador.

In Oviedo, Government supporters threw incendiary bombs at the residence of the Liberal leader, Fortunato Barrio.

President Stroessner put down an attempted military coup last December.

He said this would be followed by measures to give them work. There would also be agricultural expansion and an industrialisation programme.

Wages of Algerian farm workers would be "substantially increased shortly," he said.

"The first duty of France," M. Mollet said, "is to ensure the safety and protect the lives of both Europeans and Moslems in Algeria." He added once again that the union between metropolitan France and Algeria is indispensable.

The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"To ensure the safety and protect the lives of both Europeans and Moslems in Algeria," he said once again that the union between metropolitan France and Algeria is indispensable.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

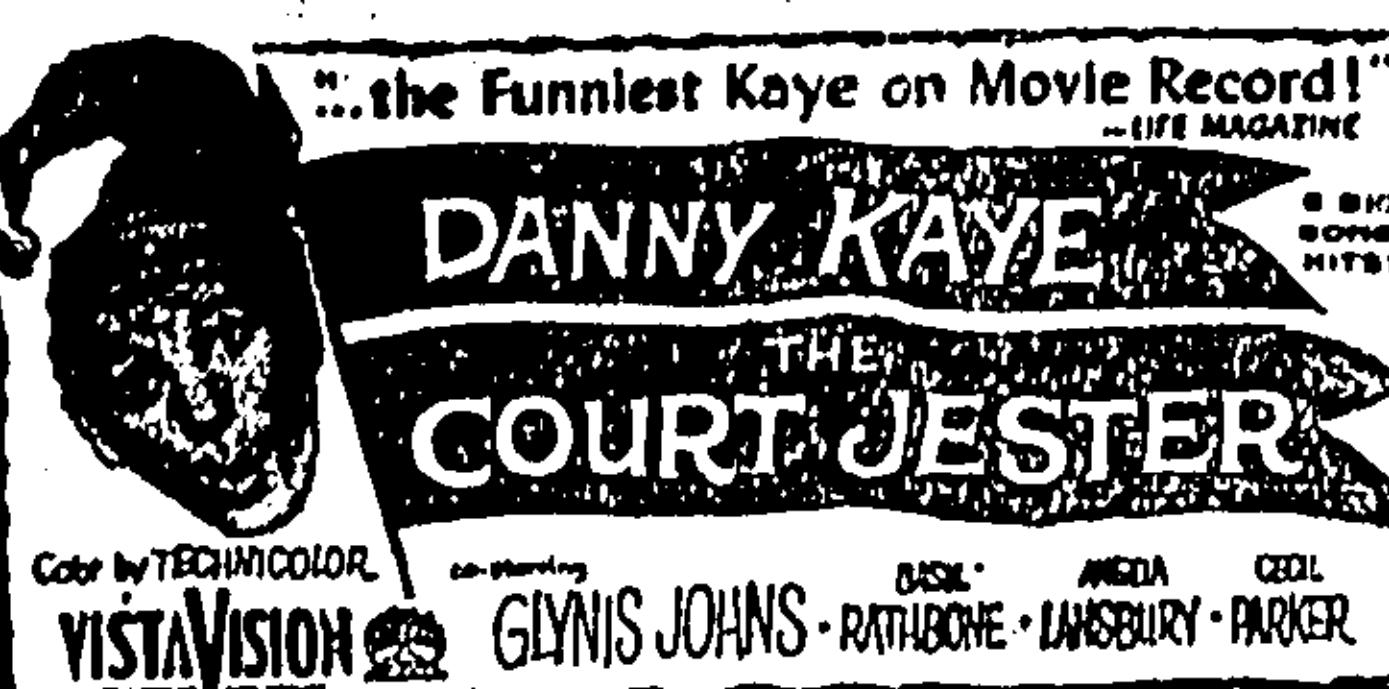
"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

"The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. —United Press and Reuter.

KING'S PRINCESS

AUGUST 7.20 & 9.30 P.M. 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

SHOWING TO-DAY



For the thousands who have missed Dr. Billy Graham at Caroline Hill on Wednesday night the King's & Princess Theatres proudly present

THE MIGHTY FORTRESS

featuring

DR. BILLY GRAHAM

At Special Performances To-morrow Admission: \$1.00

NEW YORK-GREAT WORLD

Causeway Bay, Tel. 70721

Kowloon, Tel. 53500

FINAL TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



OUR NEW AND POPULAR ADMISSIONS:

Upstairs	Downstairs
Logo Seats ... \$3.50	Back Stalls ... \$2.40
Dress Circle ... \$3.00	Middle Stalls ... \$2.00
Upper Circle ... \$2.40	Front Stalls ... \$1.50

(Tax included)

• COMMENCING TO-MORROW •



CAPITOL RITZ

SHOWING TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

FINAL TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30

& 9.30 P.M.



Gunman Couldn't Take It

Bonn, Feb. 16.

A two-gun robber killed himself at Cochem after he had been chased and punched by an unarmed clerk.

The gunman had held up a cinema employee and taken 4,500 marks (about £400) from a safe.

He was seen by the clerk from a nearby office who tackled him on the street, punched him on the face and chased him into a block of flats.

After being knocked into a moving lift, the gunman shot himself dead as police arrived. He had a second revolver in his pocket.—Cilia Mull Special.

NO CHANGE IN CHARITIES

London, Feb. 16.

Red flannel petticoats are still distributed annually to the poor under an old Oxfordshire charitable bequest, the Church Assembly was told here.

The Assembly—the governing body of the Church of England—was debating a motion calling for the setting up of a commission to make recommendations on parochial charities.

INDEPENDENCE COULD END MALAYAN EMERGENCY

—New Statesman

London, Feb. 16.

The Leftwing New Statesman and Nation said today "there can be no doubt that the London agreement (on Malayan independence) is the biggest step which has yet been taken towards ending the Malayan emergency."

Commenting on the results of the London conference, which ended last week, the weekly review recalled that the Communist leader Chin Peng had said he would stop his campaign as soon as an elected Malayan government had control of internal security and local armed forces.

"It is, of course, by no means certain that Chin Peng is now disposed to keep his promise, or, even if he is, that he is able to control all his followers," the New Statesman and Nation said.

"It will also make heavy demands on British tolerance and wisdom."

"The broad fact is that in the long run there is no alternative to communism in Malaya except complete independence, the New Statesman and Nation said.—Reuter.

Three Fronts

"Once Malaya gets effective self-government there can be no further legitimate excuse for the Malayan Communist Party to sustain the guerrilla war, which from now on will become increasingly a war against the people of Malaya."

"In seeking to press the raw material of last week's agreement into the working machinery of an independent and democratic government, (the Tengku and his fellow ministers) have to face difficulties on three separate fronts."

The first group concerns the techniques of constitution making, and the practical problems of hammering out the somewhat complicated relations which the agreement envisages between the Malayan government and the representatives of the UK, especially in the fields of defence and finance.

Vital Problem

"The second vital problem is how to win over the loyalty of the Chinese community to the idea of Malayan nationality and citizenship" and the third is the formulation of practical programmes of development and social services, which must be sufficiently imaginative to substitute a more positive political stimulus for what should be the dying bogey of colonialism.

"These problems will certainly not be solved without moments of friction and misunderstanding. All one can say at this stage is that the Tengku has gained in words all the essentials of internal self-government and that there will be no disposition in responsible quarters in London to take back what has been given."

Goodwill

"The Tengku needs both the goodwill of Britain and a lot of practical help," the review continued.

"At the same time, he must convince the people of Malaya that his independence is genuine. And he must set in hand social and economic policies sufficiently attractive to make them feel that self-government under the Alliance Party is to be preferred to the rule of the Communists."

"Moreover, these tasks may well have to be tackled while

the emergency continues. All this will call for considerable courage and ingenuity from Malayan ministers."

"It will also make heavy demands on British tolerance and wisdom."

"The broad fact is that in the long run there is no alternative to communism in Malaya except complete independence, the New Statesman and Nation said.—Reuter.

Diphtheria Could Be Wiped Out

Geneva, Feb. 16.

Diphtheria might disappear completely as a killer if immunization were carried out thoroughly, the World Health Organisation (WHO), said here.

It was estimated that in 1953 at least £70,000 sterling was spent in Europe on the medical care of 60,000 reported cases of diphtheria. Disease, disablement and death could have been prevented if a fraction of this amount had been spent on immunization.

Owing to the development of effective immunising serum, deaths from diphtheria had decreased sharply since the beginning of the 19th century.—China Mail Special.

Crisis Averted?

Washington, Feb. 16.

Indications grew today that a threatening military crisis in Palestine had been postponed as a result of Israel consenting to delay unilateral diversion of the Jordan River waters.

Fears of such a crisis had been based on an earlier Israeli statement that canal digging in a demilitarised zone would be resumed in March or April and on the possibility that this would touch off a Syrian-Israeli fight into which Egypt could be drawn.—United Press.

Ike's Reply

Moscow, Feb. 17.

President Eisenhower's reply to Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's second letter, proposing a Soviet-American treaty of friendship, may be handed over next Monday or Tuesday, generally well-informed diplomatic sources said last night.—France-Press.

NO CHANGE IN CHARITIES

London, Feb. 16.

Red flannel petticoats are still distributed annually to the poor under an old Oxfordshire charitable bequest, the Church Assembly was told here.

The Assembly—the governing body of the Church of England—was debating a motion calling for the setting up of a commission to make recommendations on parochial charities.

"I have heard of charities for such a thing as keeping a

watch against the return of the armada, and of some cases in which bread is fed to chickens," he said.

"I would like to see some action whereby these old charities could be amalgamated, and the proceeds used for things more relevant to our times."

The motion was defeated.—China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M. 2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

SHOWING TO-DAY

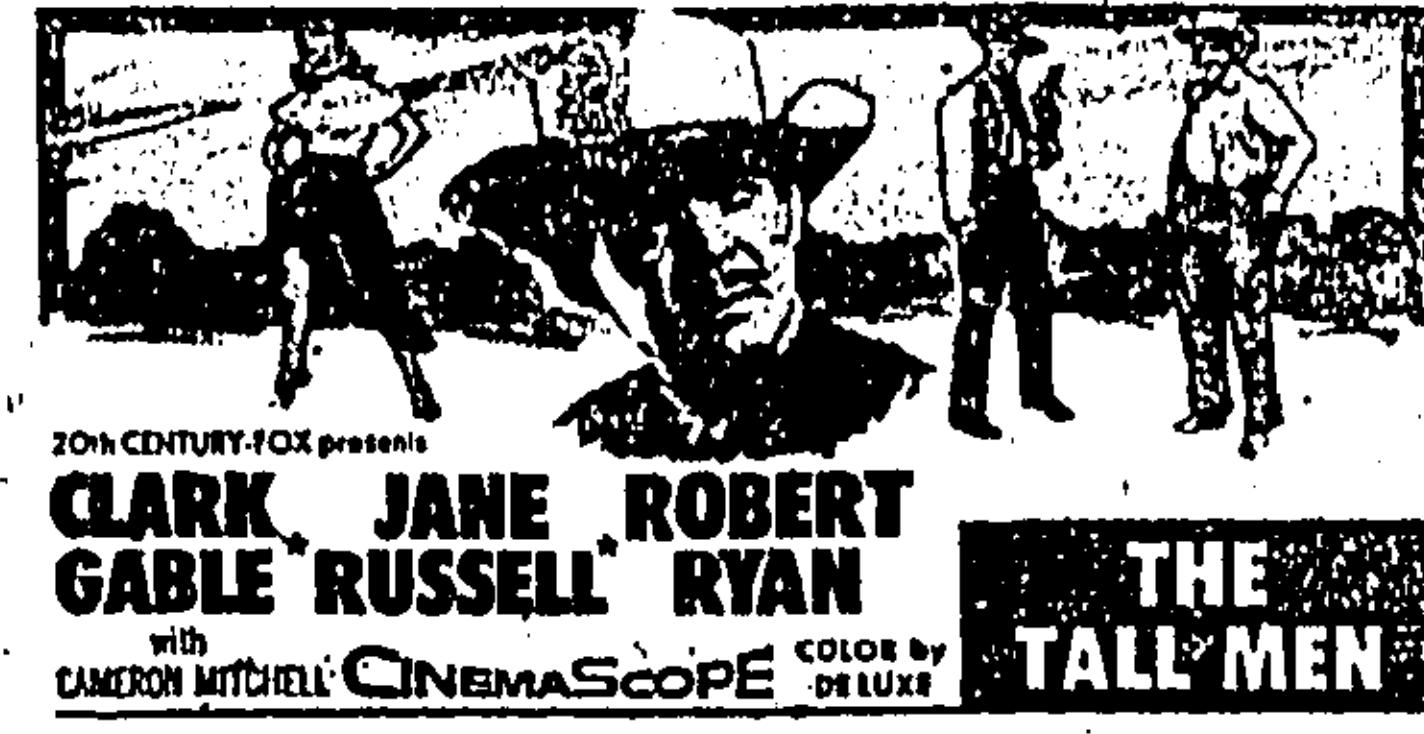


AT USUAL ADMISSION PRICES

This picture will NOT be shown at any Theatre in the Colony for at least 6 months.

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

4-Track, High Fidelity, Directional Stereophonic Sound



TO-NIGHT AT 7.45 P.M.

LEE Theatre

LEE WING WAH CANTONESE OPERA CO.

"AN IDEAL SON-IN-LAW"

Admissions: \$10, \$7.50, \$6, \$4.70 & \$2.40

ROXY & BROADWAY

SHOWING TO-DAY

Owing to length of picture please note change of times: AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.40 P.M.



Starring

Lana TURNER Richard FRED MacMURRAY Joan CAULFIELD Michael RENNIE

HOOVER LIBERTY

CAUSEWAY BAY TEL. 72371 KOWLOON TEL. 60146, 60248

NOW PLAYING

2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



THIS WAS A TIME OF LOVE AND VIOLENCE!

M-G-M presents Sir Walter Scott's

Quentin Durward

Sterling ROBERT TAYLOR · KAY KENDALL

ROBERT MORLEY

IN CINEMASCOPE AND IN COLOR

WHERE TO GO?

DINNER WINE MUSIC at

GOLDEN EAGLE NIGHT CLUB

FREE DRINKS AS PRIZES

EVERY THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY NIGHT

12-14 Causeway Road, H.K. Tel: 71639

Tottering home



PRECIOUS DROPS FOR PRECIOUS MOMENTS.

CHERRY HEERING

JADEINE MATHERSON & CO., LTD.

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TO-DAY

At 2.30, 5.10, 7.30

& 9.40 p.m.

At 2.30, 5.10, 7.30

More Disinflationary Measures Expected

By Sidney Gampell

London, Feb. 16.

Today's higher bank rate was expected to be followed by other disinflationary moves—hire-purchase restrictions, cuts in capital expenditure by the nationalised industries (except only coal and atomics), cuts in government spending including many frills in the defence programme, and a new savings drive.

Any intention to reintroduce building licences or import restrictions has been authoritatively denied. The purpose of this denial was to avoid pointless forestalling which may have inflated January's imports.

VOLCANO FOUND NOT GUILTY

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

A University of California scientist reported here that the wrong volcano has been blamed for the 1912 Alaskan volcanic eruption—one of the most violent natural events the world has known.

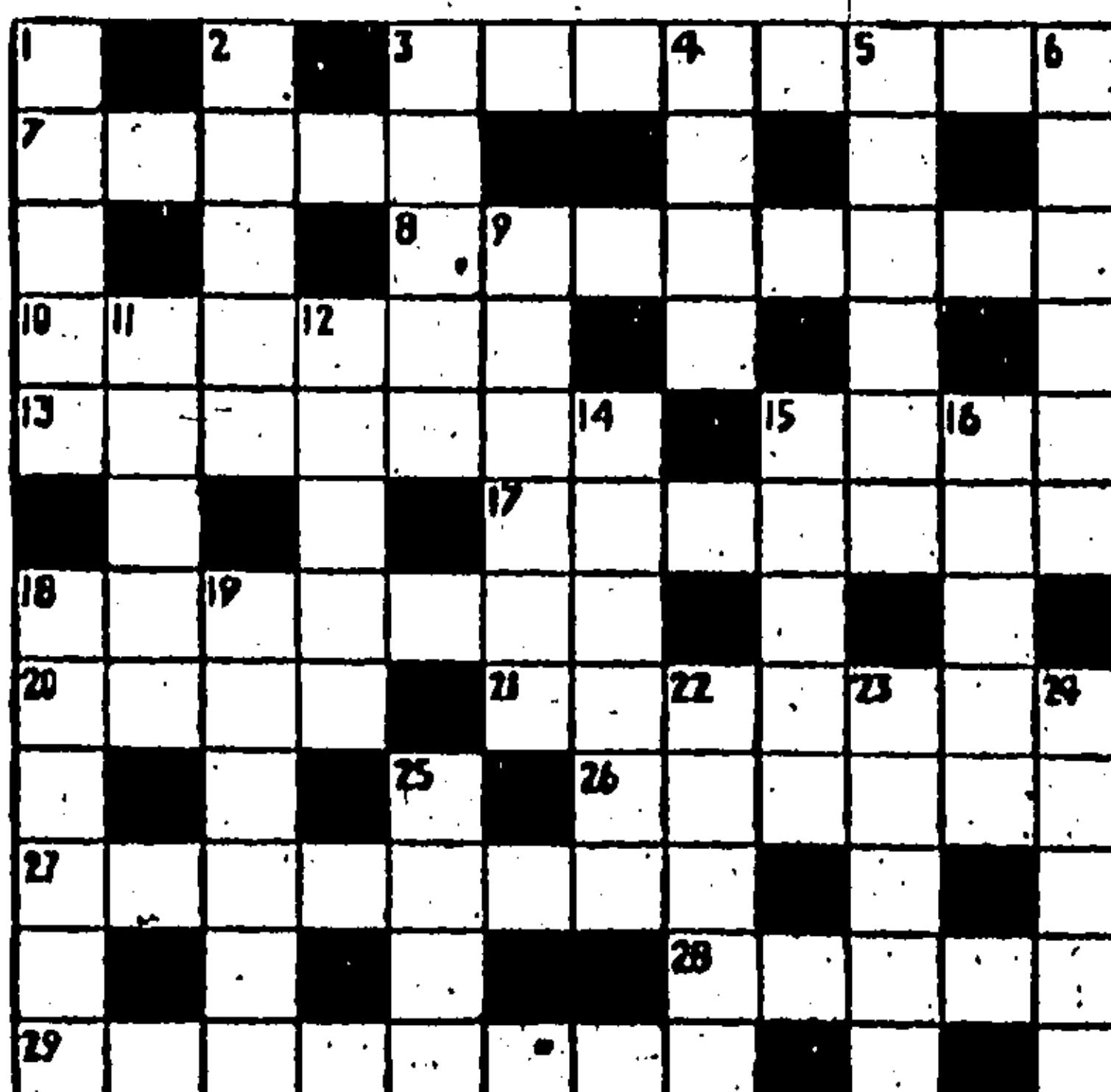
Not Mount Katmai, but another mountain volcano six miles away, Novarupta, contributed the most violence to the explosion, according to the scientist, Dr G. H. Curtis, assistant professor of Geology. Both mountains erupted but Novarupta made a more violent contribution than Katmai.

Four Years

Destruction was so great that scientists could not enter the area for four years. Then "The Valley of 10,000 Smokes" was discovered, with Katmai surrounded by thick layers of volcanic ash. The scientists assumed it was responsible for the explosion.

Dr Curtis determined that Katmai was only a minor accomplice in the event by calculations based on the thickness of volcanic ash throughout the Valley of 10,000 Smokes, contour lines based on his measurements forming incriminating rings around Novarupta—and none at all around Katmai. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
 3 Feeler (5).
 7 Snow hut (5).
 8 Molly-coddled (8).
 10 Numbles (6).
 13 Fight (7).
 15 Fish (4).
 17 Built (7).
 18 Put back (7).
 20 Unemployed (4).
 21 Waited (7).
 26 Offer (6).
 27 Enhance (6).
 28 Slack (6).
 29 Expressive actions (6).

DOWN
 1 Flowering shrub (5).
 2 Free from dirt (5).
 3 Sun helmet (6).
 4 Specimen (4).
 5 Vegetable (6).
 6 Circulated (6).
 9 Aver (6).
 11 Uninterested (6).
 12 Condition (6).
 14 Negotiate (6).
 15 Regard with disdain (6).
 16 Assembly (6).
 18 Division of Yorkshire (6).
 22 Trouser (6).
 23 Stagger (6).
 24 Pool (6).
 25 Towelled (6).
 26 Bill of fare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Throat, 5 Dared, 8 Remise, 9 Formals, 10 Folio, 11 Again, 12 Alas, 13 Cases, 14 Remise, 15 Test-set, 20 Nasal, 22 Kepi, 23 Slump, 25 Muff, 26 Alaska, 27 Eerie, 28 Word, 29 Dawdle, Down: 1 Threaten, 2 Remains, 3 Arin, 4 Tingles, 5 Ditch, 6 Atonite, 7 Emilia, 14 Assessed, 15 Estimate, 16 Rallied, 17 Mormal, 19 Easter, 21 Azure, 24 Flea.

Collective Leadership Favoured In Russia

Paris, Feb. 16. TOP Soviet Communist Party officials, Anastas Mikoyan and Mikhail Suslov, spoke out in favour of collective leadership of the Party today at the party's 20th congress which is underway in Moscow. Tass news agency reported.

Mr Mikoyan, who is Vice-Premier and a member of the Party Presidium, reiterated the statements made by Party Chief, Nikita Krushchev last Tuesday that collective leadership was all important for the future of the party.

Mr Suslov, a secretary of the party, said collective leadership is being set up at all levels of the party from the Central Committee to the local Communist cell.

Vital Problems

This collective leadership is illustrated by the party's collective decisions on vital problems and by the stepping up of mutual criticism and self-criticism within the party. Personal leadership violated Marxist-Leninist theory and did great harm to the party, Mr Suslov said. He said the Soviet Union's fight for peace had helped to slacken world tension and had bolstered the forces of peace, democracy and socialism everywhere, Tass reported.

Mr Suslov, like other party leaders who have spoken thus far, lashed out at personal leadership which prevailed before the last congress held in 1952.

Personal leadership violated Marxist-Leninist theory and did great harm to the party, Mr Suslov said. He said the Soviet Union's fight for peace had helped to slacken world tension and had bolstered the forces of peace, democracy and socialism everywhere, Tass reported.

Meantime, the "Imperialist camp" has weakened, Mr Suslov said. He said the French election held on January 2 demonstrated that "the force of peace have scored gains even in capitalist countries."—France-Press.

Forward steering must automatically adjust to the higher bank rate but thereafter both spot and forward could strengthen strikingly if the big short positions were covered.

Forward steering must automatically adjust to the higher bank rate but thereafter both spot and forward could strengthen strikingly if the big short positions were covered.

Germany's Central Banking Council has postponed its scheduled meeting from this week to next week awaiting London's decision. But few, if any, non-sterling countries should logically follow the higher British bank rate.

Sterling's whole trouble is that Britain almost alone has been losing gold and dollar reserves while almost every other country—Inflationary countries such as France and Italy as well as deflationary Germany—have been gaining them handsomely. —China Mail Special.

S. AFRICA ENFORCES INDIAN BAN

Johannesburg, Feb. 16. The South African Government today started enforcing its ban on the immigration of Indians into the Union.

The immigration authorities notified airlines, railways, shipping lines and bus companies that no Indians will be allowed into the country from now on except returning South African residents or bona fide tourists with the necessary visas.

Public carriers will be held responsible for the repatriation of their passengers. In case the ban is violated, the authorities said.

The ban applies to all Indian immigrants, including the wives of Indian residents in South Africa.—France-Press.

Earth Tremor In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16. A brief earth tremor which rattled dishes was felt in homes here today.

The tremor, which came as a blast followed by a rumble and rolling vibration, also was felt at Edmond and Stillwater.

A number of Oklahoma City residents felt the vibration and some thought it was an explosion.

Early evening diners in the Beacon Club on the 33rd floor of the First National Bank Building said, they heard a rumbling and it was as if the whole countryside was shaking.

—United Press.

Australian Envoy To Thailand

Canberra, Feb. 16. The Australian Minister to Thailand Mr D. O. Hay has been appointed Ambassador.

This follows the decision of the Australian and Thai governments to raise their diplomatic missions from "legations" to



Gandhi Commemoration Ceremony In Delhi

India's President, Dr Prasad, and Premier Nehru left, are pictured taking part in the Khadi (spinning) ceremony during the recent ceremonies in Delhi commemorating the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Khadi, a symbol of India's economy, was preached by Gandhi. The anniversary of his death is now known as Gandhi Martyrdom Day.—Express Photo.

Enquiry Into UK Copper Exports To Soviet Bloc

Washington, Feb. 16.

Mr Ronald Prain, British head of a leading Rhodesian copper mining group, appeared under subpoena today before the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-committee and faced insistent questions on British exports of strategic copper to the Soviet bloc.

Mr Prain, chairman of the board of the Rhodesian Selection Trusts, denied that any of the copper mined by his group found its way directly or indirectly to Communist countries.

He confirmed the committee's research evidence that Britain has exported about 75 million pounds of copper products to the Soviet bloc in the year 1954.

Mr Prain said he had firm assurances from his British customers that none of them exported copper directly or indirectly to the Soviet bloc.

He was asked by the committee's counsel, Mr Robert Kennedy: "Which British firms do export copper to Russia, then?"

No Information

Mr Prain replied: "I have no information."

Mr Prain, who said his group was responsible for about one-

Education Should Be Aimed At Making

London, Feb. 16. A leading British research psychologist said here: Don't cram children with abstract mathematics—teach them to build simple radio sets.

Dr N. H. Mackworth, head of applied psychology research at Cambridge University, explained in a lecture: "Education should be primarily aimed at making. Man is a maker before he is a thinker and most of the best thinking comes from trying to understand how and why things act as they do."

Know The Use

"The child needs to know the use of what he learns. Teach him abstract mathematics and incomprehensible ideas about gravity and gases and he is lost to learning for ever—but put a child old enough to have sufficient manual dexterity on to building his own transistor (simplified valve) receiving set and he is ripe to learn how it works and why."

He was speaking at the Institution of Production Engineers.—China Mail Special.

39 Carnival Deaths

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16. Rio's four-day pre-Lenten carnival resulted in 39 deaths, many of them murders. There were 114 cases of serious injury.—China Mail Special.

Indonesian Leaders Pro-Jap Quislings Says Senator CASEY APOLOGISES

Canberra, Feb. 16.

A 69-year-old Australian Senator attacked Indonesian leaders as "pro-Japanese Quislings" today, and External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey promptly apologised to the President of Indonesia.

Sen. George Rankin, Member of the Country Party from Victoria and a Major-General in World War I, touched off the dispute when he accused Indonesia of attempting to "thieve" West New Guinea.

He demanded from Mr Casey a statement that would make clear the Australian government's attitude on West New Guinea (Irian). The island territory, held by the Dutch, is claimed by Indonesia.

Broke Down

"Mr Casey should make a statement for the benefit of the Dutch and also for the pro-Japanese Quislings in Indonesia who want to thieve New Guinea, to which they have no true claim whatever," Sen. Rankin said.

Dutch-Indonesian negotiations on West New Guinea and other mutual problems broke down in Geneva last week.

Mr Casey issued a statement apologising to President Soekarno and the Indonesian government for Sen. Rankin's outburst.

The remarks by Sen. Rankin, who is a private Member, about President Soekarno and the Indonesian government are wholly unjustified and are repudiated by the Australian government in the strongest terms," the statement said.



R. G. Casey

Djakarta on the West New Guinea issue, but emphasised that the Australian attitude toward Indonesia's claims had not changed.

The Australian government opposed handing over the territory to Indonesia when the question was debated in the United Nations in 1954.

As for the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, Mr Casey said it appeared to be a dialectic dispute.—United Press.

Television For Armchair Police

Hamburg, Feb. 16. Hamburg police are to experiment with a "television eye" to help regulate traffic.

A television camera overlooking a busy crossing will transmit the traffic scene to a screen in the police station, from where the red, amber and green lights will be remotely controlled.

This system will be more effective than traffic lights which change at regular intervals regardless of the density of the traffic and will take the place of policemen on point duty.

The eventual aim is to control several inter-dependent crossings from the same police station.

By pushing a button, the officer in charge will be able to put into operation one or five "programmes," or combinations of changing lights, according to the traffic situation.—China Mail Special.

WILD WOMAN AT WEDDING WIELDED WEAPON

Rome, Feb. 16. As a bridegroom was about to "say 'I do'" at a wedding in a church, a wild-eyed woman rushed up the aisle to the altar brandishing a revolver. The bridegroom fled into the vestry.

The ceremony was taking place in the Church of the Sanctuary of the Madonna of the mountains outside Trento yesterday.

Police described the woman as a former fiancee of the bridegroom. She was seized and disarmed as she screamed: "I want to kill him."

The bridegroom redressed from the vestry and the ceremony continued.—China Mail Special.

'Nightmare' Sickness Kills Seven

Manila, Feb. 16. STRANGE "nightmare" sickness that has killed seven people in their sleep during the past 16 days was "fast becoming a grave public health problem."

Dr Mariano B. Lara, the Chief Medical Officer of the Manila Police Department said today: "The child needs to know the use of what he learns. Teach him abstract mathematics and incomprehensible ideas about gravity and gases and he is lost to learning for ever—but put a child old enough to have sufficient manual dexterity on to building his own transistor (simplified valve) receiving set and he is ripe to learn how it works and why."

He was speaking at the Institution of Production Engineers.—China Mail Special.

After February

He said the malady was first reported years ago in Hawaiian plantations where Filipino labourers were reported to have died of the disease.

He said the malady was first reported years ago in Hawaiian plantations where Filipino labourers were reported to have died of the disease.

What's best in
Kowloon?

FURS LUXURIOUS FURS AT LOW COST

A Complete Range of
Stoles Capes & Coats etc.
Ready for your selection.

Also
Silk & Linen Emb.
Blouses, Reversible Jac-
kets, Fine Art Goods &
Table Linens etc.



Stylette Models
No. 9, Mody Road
KOWLOON

TAILORED or READY-MADE GARMENTS

We have a great new collection
of imported materials . . . tweeds,
flannels, wools, in newest colours
and styles. Swiss fine silks and
cottons . . . and all at SALE
PRICES too!

Another new shipment of various
kinds of materials are coming.

Mayai & Co.
PRINCESS THEATRE BLDG. 120, NATHAN ROAD
KOWLOON. TEL. 64466

HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY PARLOUR (AIR-CONDITIONED)

14E Cameron Road Kowloon. Tel. 60197
Cold Wave (Originally \$20) NOW \$12
Machineless Wave (Originally \$16) NOW \$12
Machine Permanent Wave (Originally \$12) NOW \$8

ZORIC DRY CLEANING

CAN ONLY BE DONE IN A "ZORIC" UNIT. THERE
IS BUT ONE IN THE COLONY. IT IS USED AT . . .

THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

Call 58266 For Collection and Deliveries

The ideal Gift for friends —

CHINESE CREEDS AND CUSTOMS VOLUME II



by
V. R. BURKHARDT
Illustrated by the Author
Five Colour Plates
SECOND IMPRESSION

\$18.00

S. C. M. POST OFFICES
HONG KONG KOWLOON

The Eisenhower News Prompts The Query IS GOLF WORTH THE STRAIN?

By DR ARTHUR CHESBY

SO President Eisenhower has been ordered to give up golf. Excellent. I would go further and order EVERYONE — well, almost — to give it up.

The President has, of course, been advised to abandon the game because of his heart.

But it is my guess that his doctors are not concerned only with the physical strain. They are probably thinking too of the risk involved in the tension and the striving which afflicts almost every golfer.

I'M TEMPTED

THAT is why I would be tempted to close down every golf course and send golfers off for a long relaxing walk in the country. Because golf, as a relaxation, just doesn't work. It does much, much more harm than good.

There is nothing wrong with the game itself. It could be a fine exercise, a wonderful mental and physical relaxation (yes, even for some heart subjects).

But it hardly ever is. Golf is far more often a matter of fret and tension. Of false hopes and disappointment, of despair, frustration, and even rage.

If you think I exaggerate then ask a golfer. Ask me. I am one of the lunatics who play golf and, believe me, I know it all.

Even if I play well I worry about WHY I played well. What was it I did right this time that didn't do last time? Can I do it right next time too?

If I play badly I suffer a feeling of shame and failure that is out of all proportion to the real state of affairs. And my only consolation is that every other golfer suffers exactly as I do.

The non-golfer will now ask: Why take the thing so seriously? Why not try taking it easy?

Intelligent questions, but only a non-golfer could ask them. They miss the whole point. The average golfer is precisely the man who can't take it easy.

RELAX . . .

HE is more often than not the high executive type, whose job demands big decisions and involves constant tension. He is a perfectionist, incessantly demanding the best of himself and it is this quality which has got him where he is.

But it is this too which may make him a bad golfer, or at any rate, a frustrated one. For as any golfing professional will tell you — mine has been telling me for years — the whole secret of successful golf is the ability to relax.

The world needs its perfectionists. It needs them badly. But the perfectionists don't need golf. They would be healthier and happier without it. They have enough of tension from Monday to Friday. At week-ends they MUST relax, or sooner or later crack.

Of course most golfers are so besotted by the game that they DON'T

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ANTARCTIC

By J. C. Graham

Auckland, N.Z. Trevor Hatheron. In five days the mountains bordering on they covered 95 miles. Fortunately, weather conditions were good (for the Antarctic) and the ice variable. They visited Hut Point, site of Captain Scott's hut, and a number of other localities which have been mentioned as likely sites for the base.

Their survey has given an excellent idea of the advantages and disadvantages of all the likely points for Scott Base, as the New Zealand headquarters will now be able to make a decision based on an up-to-date and detailed inspection.

A New Zealand party went to McMurdo Sound with the American expedition that has been there for the past few weeks. They lost no time in searching for a base site which could be reached by sea, but which was also well placed for the British explorers arriving after their arduous journey.

Travelling the hard way on foot and dragging sledges with 400 pounds of equipment, a three-men party set out round the shores of McMurdo Sound under the leadership of Dr

After this survey, a longer and still more testing journey was undertaken, and a party consisting of Dr. Hatheron, Lieut.-Commander W. J. Smith and Mr. B. M. Gunn, made the first ascent of the Ferrar Glacier since Captain Scott's last expedition.

It was a 10-day journey to

explore a possible route for the British expedition when it approaches from the other side of the continent. A way through

GREEK TRAGEDY?



Mr Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, told MPs the Government is prepared to take any necessary measures, including jamming, to combat propaganda broadcasts to Cyprus by Athens Radio.

Uranium Strike!

MICK'S LUCKY FIND

By Arthur Morley

THERE'S a long, sleek, dove-grey Packard limousine parked outside a tiny cottage at Mount Isa, in Queensland's Far West.

It is one of the prettiest sights of the outback, these days. The owner is a young prospector named Mick Walton, still in his mid-twenties — one of the Dominion's new uranium-rich.

Mick drives this luxurious monster barefoot, his toes curved comfortably over the accelerator. He wears khaki shorts and singlet only as he sends the car scudding along the outback roads, sending up clouds of yellow-red dust...

Mick is the man behind the announcement that the British Atomic Energy Commission is opening up a great new source of uranium supply in Queensland. The metal is to be stockpiled and shipped from the tropical port of Townsville to feed the new British atomic energy power stations.

Dream Come True

The British mining concern, Rio Tinto Co. Ltd., has also announced that it has signed an agreement with Australian interests to build a £10 million uranium treatment plant in the Mount Isa area of Queensland, inland from Townsville.

Despite all the practical measures taken in Mongolia for the suppression of Buddhism, the anti-religious campaign is still going on. The present Party programme of the Mongolian Communist Party (officially the "Mongol People's Revolutionary Party") mentions as one of the nine tasks of Party members "the organisation of broadly-based anti-religious propaganda" and "the enlightening of the toilers about the harm of religion".

From time to time the Mongolian Communist leadership issues circulars reminding their followers to pay greater attention to this anti-Buddhist campaign. The anti-Buddhist policies conducted in Mongolia not only has the approval of Soviet Russia but it has been carried out under the direct inspiration of Soviet Communists.

Red target

Soviet Russia is now

endeavouring to promote a pro-Soviet mood in the non-Communist Asian countries.

Burma, where Buddhism is the

faith professed by the great

majority of the population, is

one of its targets. To achieve

its purpose Soviet propaganda

must draw up an idealised

picture of conditions in Russia

and, in particular, of the Com-

unist attitude towards the

religions of Asia.

But facts remain, facts, and

the persecution of Buddhism in

Russia and Mongolia remains

inscribed in the black record

of the Communist regime. It

forms part of that moral

cleavage which separates the

Soviet Communist guests from

their Burmese Buddhist hosts.

Big Investment

They sold part interest in Mary Kathleen to an Australian mining concern, Australian Oil Explorations Ltd. Then the British concern, Rio Tinto, bought controlling interest and began painstaking tests to

"prove" the extent of the de-

posit.

Last week, it was officially an-

nounced that the tests were

completed — Mary Kathleen is

one of the biggest deposits of

uranium in the Commonwealth.

Rio Tinto is to supply 2,10

million of British capital to

build a refinery to treat the ore

and reduce it for shipment to

Britain.

"Cornflakes taste so much better with brown sugar on, Mummy!"



It makes all
the difference



SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season starts tomorrow and will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons. There will be 10 races each day instead of nine races; the First Saddling Bell will be run at 1 p.m. and an additional race (1A) will be run at 1.30 p.m. There will be no cash sweep on these additional races.

The most important event tomorrow is the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 1 ponies. Here are my estimates of the chances:

RACE 1A
(Beverley Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Miles.)

The opening event is confined to Class 7 ponies to be ridden by novice riders. A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that the following should be prominent—Brivisto (A. Travert), Mainsail II (Andrew Lam), Orange Beauty (Edwin Mok), and Sky Horse (Albert Lam).

Brivisto should have no difficulty in winning. This pony was officially fourth in the Southern Handicap over 1½ miles at the last meeting, but in view of the opposition tomorrow it should not be fully extended, except perhaps by Mainsail II.

Combined Schools Cricket Team

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Schools XI against the "Chopsticks" at KCC on Wednesday Feb. 22 and against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday Feb. 26—J. Shroff (KGV), J. Hung (DBS), J. Basto (KGV), R. Laichandani (N.M.C.), L. Kitchell (St. Joseph's), J. Kalter (DBS), I. Johnston (St. George's), D. Robb (KGV), A. Ramjohn (St. Joseph's), M. Randall (DBS), F. Grove (KGV), 12th man: D. Horley (KGV).

Whitlock Not Ready To Meet Moore Yet

San Francisco, Feb. 10. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will have to look for another opponent if he intends going through with his proposed fight in San Diego on February 27.

Joe Carlu, manager of Heavyweight Dave Whitlock, said today he would not match his boxer against Moore. "The kid isn't ready," he said.

"Whitlock is not going to box Moore now," added Carlu. "I don't think the kid is good enough and he has a cut eye from a recent bout. It takes time for a cut to heal, and it won't be healed by February 27."

Moore signed to meet Whitlock yesterday. The bout was scheduled to take place four days after Moore's reported date of arrival in London to start training in defense of his world title against Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) on March 13.—Reuter.

MOORE'S SUGGESTION

San Francisco, Feb. 10. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Champion, today put off until next Tuesday his final decision as to whether he would defend his title in London on March 13 against Yolande Pompey of Trinidad.

In a half-hour phone call with Promoter Jack Solomon in London, Moore suggested that he should fight British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell on March 13 and stay on in London to fight Pompey in June. Mr. Solomon turned down the suggestion.

Moore thought a June title fight against Pompey would attract a half-million-dollar gate.

Earlier last week Moore said he would insist on an American referee or a British referee of his choice handling his London bout.

Moore told Mr. Solomon he was "having a bit of difficulty in reducing to the 175 pounds division limit but gave an assurance he could make the weight."

It was agreed that Moore and Mr. Solomon should have another talk next Tuesday after Moore's non-title fight on May 13 against Howard King of Nevada.—China Mail Special.

LOOKING AT SPORT

ALEC STOCK CAN BRING GLORY BACK TO ARSENAL

Says DENNIS HART

The Arsenal story, the greatest story of them all, started with Herbert Chapman.

George Allison followed, then came Tom Whittaker. Now Highbury's marbled hills welcome the latest in line of succession—Alec Stock. His job: to bring about an Arsenal revival.

It's as simple as that. Alec Stock, at 37 one of the youngest managers in football, has the game's biggest job. There's no question of him building a pretty good side. It has to be really good.

For Chapman set a new level or standards with his fabulous side of the thirties. In nine years they won the League Championship five times, were second once, third another time. The lowest position they dropped to was sixth. And that year they won the FA Cup.

Another Cup win and a runners-up medal completed a success story which made Arsenal a household word in every language.

Now they are paying for that success. Since the war Arsenal have done well. They have won the League twice, the Cup once, something no other club has done. Their post-war total of points is beaten only by Manchester United.

Yet they have been written off as has-beens. For Arsenal means one thing in soccer—the best. Anything short of that is failure.

That is why—Alec Stock, of the keen eyes and clear-cut features, takes up the Highbury reins.

A ONE-MAN JOB

Running Arsenal had become more than a one-man job, even with assistants. An entirely new post had to be created and filled. Now it has, with the appointment of Stock as team manager.

His sole responsibility will be the team, its training, its tactics and its wants.

What sort of man is Stock? Born in Somerset, he is the son of a Charlton groundsman. He captained his school at rugby. At 18 he turned to soccer, signed for Charlton, moved on to Queen's Park Rangers. Then came the war.

Back in Somerset in 1946 he saw an advertisement for the position of player-manager of Yeovil Town, an obscure Non-League side. He answered it, and was chosen from 60 applicants.

Three years later that game Yeovil town was headline news. A sensational Cup-run took them to the fifth round with Bury and Sunderland beaten on the way.

That year Stock went to Orient, the "Cinderella club" of soccer, struggling at the foot of the Third Division.

PROMOTION HUNT

Now they are well in the promotion hunt. Stock discovered players like Vic Groves and Stan Charlton—recently transferred to Arsenal for £30,000. He leaves behind him at Leyton other discoveries like Ron Heckman, for whom Wolves would willingly exchange £20,000, Phil Woosnam, and Ken Folley.

That is Alec Stock, star-maker, team-builder and, above all, a fighter.

It is because he is a fighter that he has gone to Arsenal.

Money. He could have earned more by staying at Leyton.

Character. Harry Zussman offered him £50 per week and the following year MacMoffat was beaten by four lengths by Bogstar.

Ontray has completed the National course as a six and as a seven-year-old.



ALEC STOCK

Tough Policy Could Pay With Ontray

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Captain Lionel Scott Briggs has devoted a large part of his life to attempting to win the Grand National. During this time he has developed certain theories about what should be done and should not be done with a prospective Aintree candidate.

From the moment he bought Ontray as a yearling in Ireland the horse has been brought along gradually in accordance with this owner-trainer's carefully developed routine.

Twice already Scott Briggs has got within an ace of realising his life's ambition.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays and a half miles it must be considerable.

THE GAMBOLS



GOLDEN CHURN



BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPE

OLYMPIC TITLE CAN BE
NICKY GARGANO'S
BOXING FINALE

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Boxing produced Jim Driscoll, a model for those with cultured aims. It also produced Rocky Marciano.

Both men chose their own paths. Both are as alike as chalk and cheese. Britain's leading amateur welterweight, Nicky Gargano, is another who believes in his own style of ringcraft.

It is science before brute force. But science with a difference. There is nothing of the Driscoll about Nicky Gargano. He believes in defence as the best way of winning fights.

He relies on his south-paw stance and anti-clockwise movements around the ring, with guard well up, to fox his opponent, and make the task of reaching him more difficult. All the time Nicky is scoring himself with jabbing rights. And his handsome, untouched features support his argument for better boxing.

Gargano does not believe in fitness. And he could not be termed aggressive. Perhaps workmanlike is the best description to fit this 21-year-old Covent Garden fruit salesman.

For Gargano treats boxing just like a job that has to be done.

EVERLASTING HOLD

There is nothing of the "life or death" attitude to the fight game in him. The smell of resin, and the lure of the canvas square, which have an ever-

lasting hold over some boxers—it even drags them back after their days are done—haven't the same appeal to him.

Nicky has simply set himself the stiffest of all tasks—an Olympic Gold Medal—before joining the three generations of Garganos who came, saw, conquered and wrote fine.

Right now Nicky is hard at training for the ABA Championships. Twenty miles road work per week, and an hour's session in the gym every other day with a game of table tennis thrown in, keeps him in peak condition.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

What of the Gargano outside the ring? He likes swimming, enjoys football. With his training schedule, football doesn't get much of a look-in these days. But Nicky has appeared for Eton Manor's first team in the London League, and as a boy he represented East London Schools at inside-right.

Young Nicky, along with his pals from Leytonstone, joined the Eton Manor Boys' Club. There he was informed that he would have to take part in a certain number of activities. How about boxing, they asked? "I'll have a go," said Nicky.

HIS FIRST TASTE

When the day arrived for his first club tournament, Nicky found his pals had backed out. But duly attired in shorts, vest, new white socks and gym shoes—a present from Mum—Nicky entered the ring for his first taste of competitive pugilism. He won. Thereafter the Gargano boxing schedule became a more serious affair, with Kit and backing from Dad.

Hardly a quitter, you will agree. But Nicky adopts a realistic view of the thick-air trade.

He realises that to win an Olympic title would leave him without further worlds to conquer as an amateur. Then comes the time of decision. Entry into professional sport or retirement?

"Me, I'm the electrician, plumber and general handyman, now," he says.

"But first, there's a little matter to be settled in Melbourne," London Express Service.

(COPYRIGHT)

WEEK-END
TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective clubs in sports fixtures over the week-end:

CRICKET

1st XI (Away) vs Scorpions.—Dr. E.L. Gargano, M.A. d'Almada Remedios, L.G. Gargano, A.P. Romano, J.A. Gargano, A.P. d'Almada Remedios, L.J. d'Almada Remedios, A.M. Pinto, H.P.L. Ozorio, A.P. Pereira, J.P. J. d'Almada Remedios, Scorer: L.G. d'Almada Remedios.

Scorpions (Home) vs Revere at 1.30 p.m.—Dr. E.L. Gargano, F.A. Weller, D.W. Leach, V.O. Roberts, P.V. Dodge, J. G. Gargano, T.A. Pinniger, H. G. Gargano, H.D. Miller, P. H. Campion, H. D. Miller, Umpire: P. J. Hart, Scorer: J. Scorer.

Cricketists (Away) vs Army South at Stockpools.—L.G. d'Almada Remedios, G. M. B. Salmon, C. H. P. Leader, G. T. Roberts, H. F. P. Leader, R. G. E. Ettington, N. Leigh, Lee, R. L. J. Marshall, N. G. G. Webster, J. M. G. Webster, R. T. B. Diddickson, Umpire: H. W. Chamberlain; Scorer: Mrs. Catley.

FOOTBALL

1st Division: vs. Rovers at Caeusey Bay at 4 p.m.—Jones, Armstrong, Bishop, Douglas, Johnson, Phillips, McCullagh, Pickering, Tomlinson, Tunstall, Williams, Caeusey Bay at 2.30 p.m.—Bachmann, Reynolds, Mackie, Beattie, Phillips, Gwynne, Blowers, Webster, Douglas, Moth, Reserve: Phillips.

2nd Division: vs. Rovers at Caeusey Bay at 2.30 p.m.—Bachmann, Reynolds, Mackie, Beattie, Phillips, Gwynne, Blowers, Webster, Douglas, Moth, Reserve: Phillips.

The Rest of the Colony XI clashes with Macao "B" in the first game on the programme at 2.30 p.m. and then the main match of the Hongkong hockey season, the Colony versus Macao "A" game, under way at 4 p.m. Admission charges will be \$2 for Civilians and \$1 for Service men and schoolchildren.

Macao teams will play two friendly matches in the Colony during their short stay here. On Sunday, Macao "B" meet the Stockpools at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m., while at 4 p.m., 1 North Staffs take on Macao "A".

The following is the complete Men's Programme for Sunday:

Men's First Division

Army "A" v. Navy Bharat "A" at 4 p.m.—H.A.F. vs. R.N. "A" at Kai Tak at 5 p.m.—Army "B" vs. Rovers at Stockpools at 5 p.m.—Army "C" vs. Revere at 5 p.m.—TV at Kowloon Park at 11 a.m.—Boys' Stockpools.

Men's Second Division

R.N. "B" v. R.A.F. "B" at Kai Tak at 5 p.m.—Army "B" vs. University at 11 a.m.—H.K.I.C. "B" vs. Demons at Stockpools at 5 p.m.—Army "C" vs. R.N. "B" at Kowloon Park at 4.30 p.m.—Boys' Stockpools.

AGE AND AGILITY

When the Lipton (Staffs) team arrived to play their Burton League match at Yoxall, they were a man short. So their linesman, Jack Thimmins, played, and his place on the line was taken by Alfred Lester. By the way, Mr. Lester is eighty-four years of age!

World Title Bout

Chicago, Feb. 10. Common Basilio, United States World Welterweight Boxing Champion, and Johnny Sexton, former Champion, will sign signed contracts for their title match here on March 16. —Reuters.



NICKY GARGANO

MACAO HOCKEY
TEAMS TO PLAY
IN HONGKONG

Macao, Feb. 17. A 40-strong party consisting of players of the Macao Hockey Club and their supporters will be arriving in Hongkong today for the annual hockey interport between the two cities. The matches are scheduled to take place tomorrow.

The Macao "A" selection will consist of Cristovao Santos, A. L. Noro, A. S. Barro, H. da Rocha (captain), J. V. Rosario, A. Cordeiro, L. Cunha, P. Marques, L. Ribeiro, A. Jorge and A. Almeida.

The "B" selection will consist of Alfredo Santos, H. Silva, A. Coloco, J. Nolasco, Bosco Silva, H. Rodriguez, F. Nolasco, P. H. Lobo, Nuno Santos, L. Luz and A. Cordeiro. This team will meet a Hongkong Rest of the Colony team.

On Sunday, the Macao Hockey Club "A" and "B" selections will cross sticks with the First Sun North Staffordshire Regiment and the Stockpools hockey team respectively.

The Macao ladies' hockey team is also making the trip to play a friendly match in Hongkong. —France-Press.

What's Wrong With
Aston Villa, The Club With
The Legendary Name?

Asks ALAN HOBY

What is wrong with Aston Villa, the club with the legendary name, the side which plays in the famous claret-and-blue?

I'll tell you — the claret has gone sour and the blue is washed out... Once the mere name "Aston Villa" spelled glamour with a giant G. Once every boy in Birmingham wanted to be a Villa star.

In those far-off days they were soccer's proud aristocrats—six times Cup winners, six times League champions.

But look at 'em now—threatened by relegation, attacked by their own shareholders' Association, their directors told to quit...

In short, an appalling mess! Are the angry shareholders and supporters right? How much is the present board to blame for Villa's lengthy catalogue of failure?

Let me assess the facts. It is 30 years since Villa won the Cup and 40 years since they were League Champions.

Indeed, the club's peak period took place in the sunlight era of the 1890's—so it's little wonder the lions are fed-up.

But the biggest mystery is the exact part played in Aston Villa's fall by the team manager, Eric Houghton. Has he full powers?

Some years ago, when Alex Massie was manager, the late chairman, Mr. Fred Normansell, told me that the team was chosen by the board in full consultation with the manager and secretary.

It would appear, however, that times have changed. Indeed, it has been publicly stated that Mr. Houghton picks the team—a declaration which for some reason produced catcalls and derisive laughter...

ON CLUB POLICY

But when I asked Mr. Chris Buckley, the present chairman, for an official statement on club policy, his reply was "no comment..."

Villa Park, of course, has hardly been a happy haven for managers—and inevitably the directors have been blamed for this, too.

Rightly or wrongly, the board has blamed for the attendance drop; for neglecting Villa's training system; and for buying the wrong players—although their latest recruit, £12,000 Jimmy Dugdale, the West Bromwich Albion reserve centre-half, seems a good buy to me.

Then there was the Dave Hickson blago. Dynamic Dave was bought from Everton last September for £18,000—to put punch in the attack—but was sold to Huddersfield little more than two months later after scoring one goal in 12 games!

Altogether, since the war, Villa have paid out more than £250,000 on 20 players.

They also made money—like the £57,000 they picked up from the transfers of Danny Blanchflower to Spurs and Tommy Thompson to Preston.

Carver's Comings
And Goings

When Jesse Carver left junior football in his native Liverpool to become Blackpool Rovers centre half, he stayed at Ewood Park eight years. What a difference his life as trainer, manager and coach has been!

In nine years he has lost English Soccer four times for Continental appointments—a record. Since 1947 he has lost Huddersfield Town for Holland, Millwall for Italy, West Bromwich Albion for Germany, and now Coventry City for Italy.

Macao teams will play two friendly matches in the Colony during their short stay here. On Sunday, Macao "B" meet the Stockpools at Happy Valley at 2.30 p.m., while at 4 p.m., 1 North Staffs take on Macao "A".

The following is the complete Men's Programme for Sunday:

Men's First Division

Army "A" v. Navy Bharat "A" at 4 p.m.—H.A.F. vs. R.N. "A" at Kai Tak at 5 p.m.—Army "B" vs. Rovers at Stockpools at 5 p.m.—Army "C" vs. Revere at 5 p.m.—TV at Kowloon Park at 11 a.m.—Boys' Stockpools.

Men's Second Division

R.N. "B" v. R.A.F. "B" at Kai Tak at 5 p.m.—Army "B" vs. University at 11 a.m.—H.K.I.C. "B" vs. Demons at Stockpools at 5 p.m.—Army "C" vs. R.N. "B" at Kowloon Park at 4.30 p.m.—Boys' Stockpools.

AGE AND AGILITY

When the Lipton (Staffs) team arrived to play their Burton League match at Yoxall, they were a man short. So their linesman, Jack Thimmins, played, and his place on the line was taken by Alfred Lester. By the way, Mr. Lester is eighty-four years of age!

The next Spoon Shoot of the Hongkong Rink Association will be held at Kai Tak Rink, "B" Range on Sunday, February 18, at 9 a.m. Prize will be awarded to the best score in each class.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 18.

The final rounds of the Smallbore Pistol League Match will be held at the Hongkong Gun Club, Kowloon, N.T.

CHINA MAIL

1 WIGGINS STREET

HONGKONG

PUBLISHED DAILY

(AFTERNOONS)

Price, 20 cents per copy,
Saturdays 30 cents,
Subscription: \$6.00 per month.Address: China and Macao \$3.00
per month, U.S.A., British Possessions
and other countries \$7.00 per month.News contributions, always welcome,
should be addressed to the Editor,
and all correspondence and
advertisements to the Secretary.

Telephone: 26011 (5 Lines).

KOWLOON OFFICE:

Salisbury Road,

Telephone: 44145.

FURNITURE

FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS for
household and office furniture, both
Chinese Furniture Co. 23 Ice House
Street, Hongkong.

WANTED KNOWN

BISCUIT! You can enjoy and will
enjoy Huntley & Palmer's breakfast
biscuits. Also recommended for Biscuits.
Available at all leading
grocers.

STAMPS

SOMETHING EXCLUSIVE. Collector
packets of selected stamps
From 20 cents per packet upwards.
An entirely new series. South
Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,
Hongkong and Salisbury
Road, Kowloon.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATIONOrdinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 16th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 1956, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

- To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1955, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- To approve the Dividend.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PELEUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen & Partners, Surveyors, Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on February 20 and 21, 1956, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY
Agents,
Hongkong, February 17, 1956.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the authorised Capital of the Company is increased from its present Capital of \$60,000,000 divided into 6,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of \$10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 500,000 new shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 500,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the nett proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment therefor by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

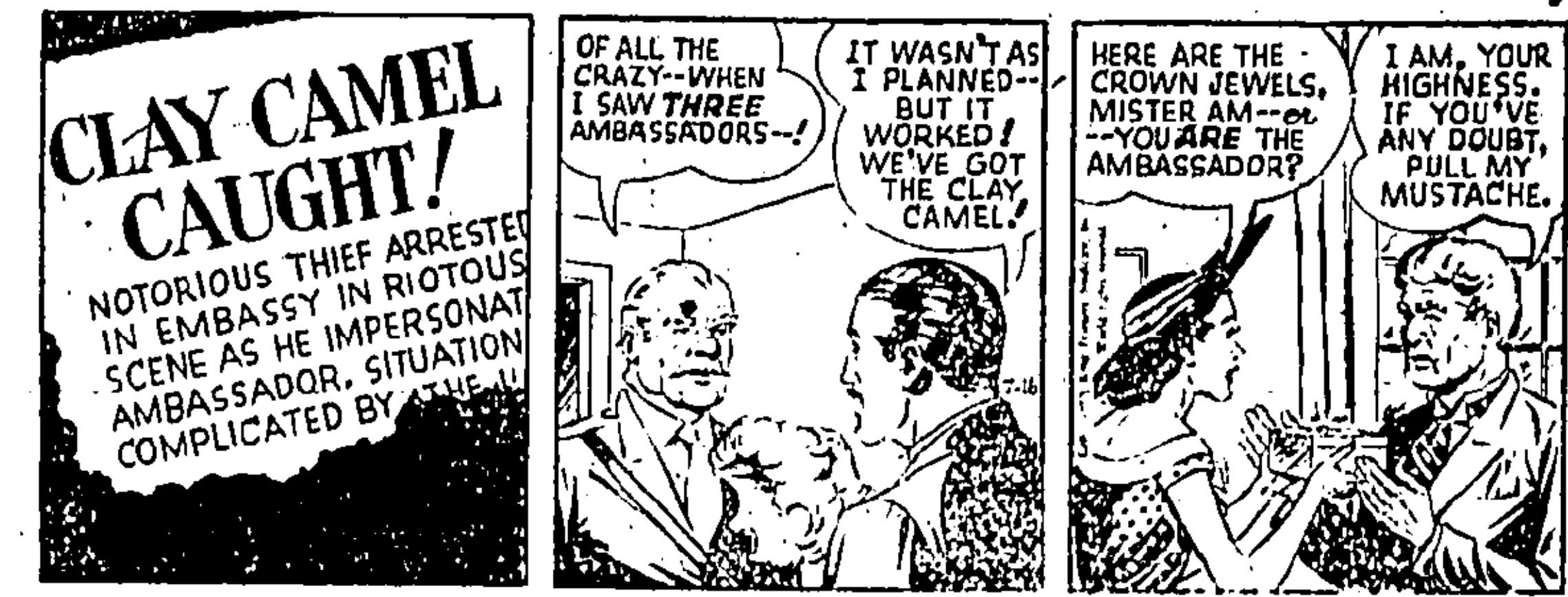
The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

FERD'NAND

Large Aquamarine Spotlights
Brazilian Industry

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.

News of the discovery of what is claimed to be the biggest aquamarine in the world in Brazil recently attracted new attention to the country's prosperous, coloured gemstone industry.

The aquamarine weighed 61 kilograms (over 134 lbs), but experts like Hans Stern who, at the age of 16, left Hitler's Germany for Brazil, and now, at 33, is probably the biggest coloured gemstone dealer in the world, asserted that its importance lay rather in its size than in its quality.



"It is of inferior quality and has faults," Mr. Stern declared, "and when broken up and cut is not likely to prove very valuable. It is certainly not in the same class as the Martha Rocha aquamarine."

Two Partners

Coloured gemstone dealers in Brazil will long remember the Martha Rocha, and Mr. Stern has a number of the superb stones which came from this 32-kilogramme aquamarine mined last year and named after Brazil's 1954 Queen.

It is the biggest aquamarine of top quality yet found. It was found by a prospector who had two partners. The three became owners of half of the big stone, valued at \$150,000, and the other half became the property of the man who financed the prospectors.

But before it was finally broken up and cut, 26 people had shares in the stone.

The main mining centre for Brazilian coloured gem stones is the state of Minas Gerais (said to produce the Selenite of Brazil), adjoining the state of Rio Janeiro. Minas Gerais provides about 80 per cent. of all the gem stones found in the country. Other mining centres are in the state of Bahia north of Minas Gerais, and in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in the deep south.

Figures relating to the gemstone industry are difficult to get, but it is estimated that at the peak period each year upwards of 10,000 men are engaged in prospecting.

Talisman

A small number prospect all the year round but the bulk are part-time farmers and part-time miners. They work on the land during the harvest season then turn to digging for gemstones when there is little or no work on the farms.

Compared with mining methods say, in South Africa, those in Brazil are somewhat primitive. Prospectors work with picks and shovels sometimes burrowing as deep as 200 feet into the side of a hill. But they produce diamonds, about 90 per cent. of the world's diamonds and other gemstones including topaz, amethyst and tourmaline. The stones found generally range in weight from 20 grammes to 150 grammes.

The aquamarine, regarded by the Greeks and Romans as a talisman for ocean travellers, prized in the Middle Ages as a renewer of marriages, and said when taken powdered in water to have been a cure for laziness, is now, in the opinion of Mr. Stern, in gradually increasing demand and fashion.

"Diamonds," said Mr. Stern "are the most publicised jewel. Every woman wants diamonds. If the demand for aquamarines was as great as for diamonds the price of the highest quality aquamarines might rise to as much 100 times the price of diamonds. The explanation is that while there are many high quality diamonds comparatively few high quality aquamarines are found."

The popularity of the topaz, birthstone for November, symbol of friendship, and one of the legendary powers of preventing bad dreams and dispelling worry, moves in cycles. It is not in demand at present.

Wholesale Exports

The amethyst, which legend says protected the wearer from the evil eye, is still favoured by clerical robes.

The tourmaline will never be a fashionable stone because comparatively few are found.

It is estimated that about 70 per cent. of Brazil's production of coloured gemstones leave the country as wholesale exports, mainly for the United States and Europe. Germany with its gem cutting centre at Idar Oberstein, is an important customer.

The remainder of the stones are sold in the form of necklaces, pendants, ear-rings, rings and bracelets to Brazilians and tourists from all over the world. Competition is so keen among dealers that it is impossible to

curiously to assess the gemstone industry's annual turnover, but it certainly runs into millions of pounds.

The greatest success story of the Brazilian gemstone industry is the story of Mr. Stern himself.

From the age of 10, he started collecting mineral specimens and it was not surprising that when he arrived in Brazil from Essen, in the Rhineland, just before the start of World War II, he should enter the gemstone industry.

He studied every aspect of the industry for six years and then started business on his own, at a desk in a rented room.

Hard Work

Today, eleven years later, he has travelled all over the world in search of knowledge and stones and has built up a business with world-wide ramifications and a staff of about 120.

From an intricate filing system, he can tell the history of every stone which has passed through his hands.

He has made six key employees directors of his firm, in which he holds all the shares, and he has his own staff social welfare scheme.

He attributes his undoubted success to "hard work and luck."

He is not married. "I have never found time for that," he says. —China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted through the post offices. The latest posted times, however, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

Registered letters and parcels for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding registered mail can be obtained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Formosa, 9 a.m. By Air

U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

Philippines, 1 p.m.

Indo-China, 2 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle Europe, 6 p.m.

Philippines, 6 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, & Ceylon, 6 p.m. By Surface

Formosa, 3 p.m. By Air

U.S.A., Central & South America, 4 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m. By Air

Saturday, FEBRUARY 18

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 6 a.m. By Air

Philippines, 1 p.m.

Indo-China, 2 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle Europe, 6 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, & Ceylon, 6 p.m. By Surface

Formosa, 3 p.m. By Air

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

British Empire, 1 p.m.

Formosa, 1 p.m. By Air

Philippines, 2 p.m.

Indo-China, 3 p.m.

Thailand, 4 p.m.

Malaya, 5 p.m.

Indonesia, 6 p.m.

Australia, 7 p.m.

New Zealand, 8 p.m.

Ceylon, 9 p.m.

Formosa, 10 p.m. By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

Malaya, 1 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

'BLUE CHIPS' SET THE PACE

NEW GAINS RECORDED

\$5.48m TURNOVER IN HOLIDAY WEEK

By A Special Correspondent

The share market quickly jumped into its stride after the Chinese New Year holidays and, after a half-day of hesitancy, tacked on new gains to carry shares to the highest level of the year.

One share, HK Electric, passed last year's peak price of \$16.

The turnover was \$5,480,000 in two and a half days' trading. Last week it was \$6.56 million. Yesterday's volume of \$2,770,000 was the highest recorded this year.

Under the lead of 'Blue Chips', a wide range of shares rose under heavy buying pressure. Two dividend announcements added interest and spurred demand.

Green Island Cement announced an unchanged distribution of a total of \$4, made up of \$2.50 dividend and \$1.50 bonus, which was as expected.

On the same day, the company paid \$4 on \$60,000 shares this year, or \$100,000 shares because the company makes a one for two bonus issue last year.

The distribution alone will take up \$2.6 million of their reported \$3 million profit. Last year dividend absorbed \$2.4 million.

Yatman's share, sold at \$39.84, rose \$3.07, which is 50 cents higher on the week.

So much for the company company and their balance sheet if revealed.

Electric Issue

The other company to announce a dividend (and an issue) was Hongkong Electric. Its final dividend goes up by five cents from \$1.55 to \$1.60. With an interim of 70 cents paid last September, their total is \$2.30 for the year, or five cents better than last year's.

The company is also making a new issue of 1,500,000 shares in the proportion of three (one bonus and two at par of \$10) for seven.

This will raise issued capital from \$35 million to \$50 million. The new capital, \$10 million of which it is expected will come from the public, is needed for development work, it is understood.

It will be recalled that in August last year, the company announced it had awarded the contract for the construction of its new generating station at North Point to English Electric. The value of the initial contract was \$29 million.

Dividend Hope

More than 15,000 Electric shares changed hands during the day at prices varying between \$35 and \$46.50. Market opinion is that they're hardly worth the latter price, but the former is more attractive.

The company discloses that when the shares are issued it is expected the dividend will be approximately \$1.00 a share a year, provided there are no fluctuations in the price of fuel.

At \$45 their ex all price will be \$32.40. If the company pays \$1.00 next year the shares will be yielding about 5.6 per cent, but if the distribution is, say, \$1.60, then the yield will be only about five per cent.

At \$40, the ex all price will be \$33.10. On a \$1.00 dividend, they will yield about 5.4 per cent, but on \$1.00 they will yield about 4.8 per cent.

Reducing Reserve

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 16. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 82 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 121 contracts.

The improved undertone first apparent last week, continued to broaden today in line with the firmer ruling of the raw market.

Evening up in the domestic March contract before the position expires tomorrow provided another trading feature.

Contract No. 4 (world) March 2.20 May 2.29 July 3.30 Sept. 3.28 Oct. 3.26 March 3.29 April (cont'd. per lb.) 3.24 Cuba Contract No. 6 March 3.39 May 3.42 July 3.39 Sept. 3.24 Oct. 3.20 March 3.29 April (cont'd. per lb.) 3.24

Light Again

I said last week that the China Light speculation had

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Jan 10	Jan 26	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Up or down
HK Bank	1705	1750	1750	1750	1800	+\$25 steady
Lombard	57b	57	56b	56b	56b	+\$5 steady
Underwriters	905	905	900b	1005b	1010	+\$55
Union Wheat	9.40n	9.40n	9.20m	9.10b	9.10b	-\$10 steady
Wharf	24n	24b	241/2b	25.10b	25.10b	+\$1 steady
HK Wharf	68b	70	701/2b	71n	72	+\$1 steady
HK Dock	331/2	231/2	33b	331/2	331/2	+\$250 steady
Provident	15.10b	15.20b	15.20b	15.12	15.12	-\$10 steady
HK Hotels	17.30	17.20b	17.40	18.10	18	+\$10 steady
HK Land	621/2	62	63	64	64	+\$1 steady
Humphreys	20b	19.70n	19.70n	20s	19.75m	-\$10 steady
HK Realty	1.975	1.975n	2.05	1.60bxa	1.625	+\$21/2c steady
HK Trains	24.30	24.40	25	25.10	25.50	+\$40c steady
Star Ferry	135	133b	140b	143	144	+\$1 steady
Yamatai	106	103b	105	106	108	+\$2 steady
Ch. Lights (n)	22.30	22.30	23	22.70	22.70	-\$1 steady
Ch. Lights (n)	16.70	16.40	16.80	18.40	18.80	+\$40c steady
Electric	421/2	431/2	431/2	441/2	45	+\$50c steady
HK Telephone	33	331/2	331/2	341/2	341/2	-\$50c steady
G.I. Cement	3031	3031	3073	3031	3031	+\$50c steady
Dairy Farm	18.00	18.70	18.40	18.60	18	-\$60c steady
A.S. Watson	13.30	13.10	12.80	12.75m	12.70	-\$50c steady
Lane Crawford	351/2	3431/2b	351/2b	36b	36b	+\$50c steady
Yangtze	6.65	6.65b	6.80b	6.90b	7	+\$100 steady
Allied	5.45b	5.60b	5.60b	5.50	5.60b	-\$100 steady
HK & FL Inv.	—	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.40b	-\$100 steady
Textile Corp.	51/2b	51/2b	5.60	5.60b	5.60	-\$100 steady
Nanyang	7.90s	7.80s	7.80s	7.80b	7.75b	+\$15c steady

NY COTTON FUTURES SHOW GAIN

New York, Feb. 16. Cotton futures today sawed over a moderate range but managed to show a gain.

At the close the list ruled off 1 to up 11 points. Opening prices were off 5 to up 1 point. New Orleans closed off 3 to up 12 points.

Traders operated cautiously in face of farm legislation uncertainties and evening-up in the market at the moment with adverse rumors responsible for the decline.

Diminished activity in textile markets, plus a heavier rate of repossession out of the government loan stocks and hedging selling to handicap new market interest, traders felt.

Cotton shares show little change and in the investment group, Yangtze are fractionally better at \$7.

Land shares have not been spectacular this week and Hotels seem much more subdued following the flat last Thursday. They slipped back 10 cents to \$18.

Wharf and dock shares are keeping firm with HK Wharf and HK Dock both showing rises on the week. Provident was off 15 cents.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened at \$8.00, but slipped back five cents during the day's trading to close five cents below last Thursday's rate.

Whiteock's are fractionally off on a turnover of almost 7,000 shares. They opened

